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## Do You Know?

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**Cynthia Church, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of biology, holds a B.S. in biology from Kent State University (Oh.), an M.S. in zoology with an emphasis in parasitology from the University of Northern Colorado, and a Ph.D. in molecular biology from CU-Boulder. Her doctoral research was on yeast genetics, and she is fascinated by parasitology.

"There are so many people in the world who never enjoy a day of good health due to parasites; a lot of them have two to three parasites at once," she said. "We in the U.S. don't understand. Malaria, a parasitic disease, is the most important infectious disease in the world in terms of number of people affected."

Church taught at Oberlin (Oh.) College and at Metro as an adjunct for a year before becoming a full-time instructor. In addition to parasitology, she's teaching zoology, genetics and general biology.

"I really enjoy the students here a lot," she said. "I think it's amazing how some of them juggle everything--working 40 hours a week, having a family and also doing well in their classes."

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